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FRIGHTFUL FIGHTING.

Conditions in Province of Courland Are Terrible.

BARBARITY COMMON

Troops Assisted the Socialists in Taking Possession of Kharkoff and With Pie's Axes and Revolvers Rule.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Frightful stories are pouring in at Mitau, province of Courland, of desperate fighting taking place in the interior of that province between troops and insurgents. Revolting tales are told of the barbarities practiced on German landlords, who are more detested by the Letts than are the Russians.

In a fight near Tukum fourteen dragoons were killed and sixteen wounded. It is estimated that 300 insurgents were killed.

Despite the statement that two army corps are being sent to the Baltic provinces it is learned that no such number of troops are available. The government has sent two regiments from St. Petersburg in reply to frantic appeals for reinforcements, but it is considered too dangerous to deplete the garrison of the capital any further during the present crisis, and the government can only await the arrival of Cossacks and other troops which are being hurried forward by General Linévitch from Manchuria. In the meantime the government's fear is the rebellion, which is extending southward to the Polish frontier, may arouse the Poles to an armed uprising.

Reliable details regarding the establishment of the so-called republic of Kharkoff have arrived. The workman's Socialist organization, joined by 300 troops, took possession of the city and with the aid of the militia armed with pikes, revolvers and axes, established the government of the "Federated Council," as the executive committee was called. This council issued decrees which the authorities are perfectly powerless to resist.

In the fighting at Tukum the mob killed soldiers, cut off their arms and legs and ripped open their bodies. The streets are strewn with dismembered parts.

CROWD BEFORE BANK.

After Much Pushing and Shoving Order Was Finally Restored.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Practically normal conditions were restored in local banking circles Tuesday and there was not the slightest surface indication of the disturbance caused by the suspension of the Walsh banks. Runs on Chicago National and Home Savings banks continued, but there was no excitement whatever around the national bank and but very little in the offices of the Home Savings bank. A large crowd of depositors gathered before the savings bank an hour before the time of opening of the doors. All of them apparently desired to be the first to obtain their money. There was but one policeman on duty in front of the building and he was hopelessly overmatched. He sent in a call for aid and in a short time, Lieutenant Hartford with a detail of officers had arrived and formed the depositors into line. Pushing and shoving through the doors was stopped by officers and quiet at once restored. About 500 men were in line and the work of paying them off went on rapidly. United States District Attorney Morrison and State's Attorney Healy both stated there was nothing in connection with the operations of the banks that had been called to their attention.

DEATH BY DYNAMITE.

Six Men Killed and Over a Dozen Others Sustained Injuries.

New York, Dec. 19.—Six men were killed and more than a dozen injured in a dynamite explosion in an excavation for a building opposite the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. The explosion was caused by some workmen who started to redrill a partly drilled hole in which several sticks of dynamite had been left. About twenty men were at work in the vicinity of this particular hole. Some of them were blown to atoms. There were eighty men at work in the entire excavation.

TEMPTATION TOO GREAT.

Miss Peters Confesses That She Took Jewelry of Mrs. Wright.

New York, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Mary R. Wright, widow of J. Hood Wright, founder of the hospital bearing his name, has recovered gems, jewelry, laces, bric-a-brac and other valuables worth \$5000, taken from her home, No. 715 Fifth avenue, before last May. Only very few of the articles had been missed.

To learn that she had been robbed was a very great surprise to Mrs. Wright, but not more so than when she discovered from detectives that Miss Dolores Peters, twenty years of age, formerly a governess in the Wright home, was under arrest charged with the robbery.

Miss Peters' arrest was the result of her statement a week ago that she had lost a diamond ring. Detectives sent to question her found the girl living in a small furnished room, but surrounded with a multitude of objects of great value.

Upon an umbrella with a gem studded handle, they noticed initials M. R. W. and identified the initials as those of Mrs. Wright. Then, taking a photograph of Miss Peters, they went to see Mrs. Wright.

Mrs. Wright remembered having lost the gemmed umbrella, and was amazed when told that Miss Peters had it. Visiting the room of the young woman she identified many articles as her own.

When confronted by Mrs. Wright, Miss Peters faints, and was revived by her former employer, who declared she would not prosecute the young woman.

"My object is to keep girls out of prison and not send them there," said Mrs. Wright. She said the girl had borne an irreproachable character and was highly accomplished in music and languages.

"It was so beautiful that I could not bear not to have it," is part of the confession attributed to Miss Peters. The selection substantiated her claim of the rare and beautiful as her temptation, for she had taken only remarkable gems, laces or pieces of bric-a-brac. Among the former is a freak gem, a composite of diamond, emerald and amethyst, valued at \$600.

AWFUL ATROCITIES.

Over Fifty Turkish Subjects Are Known to Have Lost Their Lives.

Constantinople, Dec. 19.—The latest dispatches received from Tiflis, Caucasasia, Tuesday, says 300 houses in the Mussulman quarter were set on fire by armed Armenians, who prevented the inmates from leaving, and fired on the firemen who attempted to extinguish the flames. The total number of Mussulmans killed has not yet been ascertained, but fifty-seven Turkish subjects are known to have perished. Fighting was continued Dec. 17, when the telegram was forwarded, and the Turkish consulate was overcrowded with refugees.

A telegram of the same date from Batoum, Caucasasia, reports continuance of disorders there. Great fears of massacre prevailed in the Mussulman community. The government transport Ismir left Constantinople for Batoum to take off the Turks.

CONDUCTOR KILLED.

Brakeman Fatally Injured, Caboose Reduced to Kindling Wood.

Lawton, Dec. 19.—Conductor Jack Carnes on the Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf railway was instantly killed and a brakeman fatally injured in a wreck on the main line at Waurika at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning. The caboose, in which they were sitting, was reduced to kindling wood and nearly every car in the long freight train was wrecked. The track is torn up for 100 yards. A box car was thrown across the track near the depot.

When No. 11 passenger, going south, reached the depot it was checked by a wreck. Jack Carnes' train followed and was flagged at rear of passenger. Another freight followed and Carnes failed to flag it. It ran into his train at a rapid rate of speed. Carnes resided at Fort Worth.

LAI'D ON TABLE

Committee on Agriculture Refuses to Adopt Lovering's Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 19.—After a full discussion the house committee on agriculture laid on the table resolution of Lovering asking for cotton report on Jan. 10.

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ONCE MORE you are beginning to puzzle your brain as to what to give Father, Husband, Brother, Son, or Gentleman Friend for a Christmas present, and again we come to your aid and offer suggestions which we have learned from long years of experience will please even the most exacting man. **A man likes something he can wear.** But, have a care! He doesn't want toys or useless "bric-a-brac." Give him something serviceable and you'll please him every time. Come to a man's store for a man's things. We know what men like — we know what's right and correct, and **we've got just what you want.**

WE THROW OUT A FEW HINTS BELOW

Bath Robes.....\$3.50 to 5.00	Smoking Jackets.....\$4.00 to 10.00
Full Dress Protectors 2.00 and 2.50	Pajamas, per suit.....1.50 and 2.00
Handsome Mufflers.... 50c to 2.50	Silk Suspenders.....50c to 1.75
Silk Umbrellas..... 3.00 to 7.50	White and Fancy Vests 1.25 to 5.00
Beautiful Neckwear..... 50c to 1.00	House Slippers..... 1.00 to 2.00
Fine Kid Gloves..... 50c to 2.00	Dress Suit Cases.....1.25 to 13.50

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And other things too numerous to mention. Prices low enough—money back if you want it. See our stock and make your selections. Do it now

HUNTER & CHATHAM

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Fresh shipment of Blanke's candy. Howell Bros. 14
Antone Conrad of Kurten was in the city yesterday.
"Financiers," a fine Christmas present. Fountain & Co. 12
Mrs. Johnnie Koppe of Kurten was in the city yesterday.
A. Drake and J. H. Mathis were here from Madison county yesterday.
Oliver McGee returned yesterday to Lampasas, after a visit to relatives.
Jacob's holiday candies in baskets and fancy packages at Emmel & Maloney's. 14
I have a full line of Remington automatic shot guns on hand. J. A. Myers. 12
Another shipment by express. Nunnally Christmas candies. Howell Bros. 14
Sergeant and Manager Whatley of the Rogers farm were in the city yesterday.
The rains have put the creeks up and the Eagle learns the Navasota river is running out.
FREE MARBLES—With every pair of boys shoes we sell for cash we are giving twenty-five marbles free. Burt Norwood. 14

The Bainbridge Stock Company comes to the Grand opera house Thursday night, Dec. 21, for a three nights' engagement at popular prices—50, 35 and 25 cents. Advance notices indicate a good repertoire of comedies and dramas, fine specialties, new music and special scenery.

For Rent—Manganic Wells and Farm; 80 acres in cultivation. Good orchard, plenty of pasturage and water. Good houses. Apply to C. G. Parsons. w-11 d-19

J. R. Whitaker, formerly of this city and now of Cuero, stopped off for a visit yesterday en route home from Waco, where he has been assisting the Masonic grand lodge committee on work.

You are cordially invited to call at my residence and see the beautiful line of Christmas goods from Kiam's. Mrs. Mary Lawrence. dtf

Mrs. P. S. Tilson of Houston has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Parker.

Good meats, better meats, best meats—in fact anything you want in the meat line. S. H. Franklin. 14

Guns for the boys, stoves for your wife, razors for your husband can be had at Myers' hardware store. 12

You can buy a handsome carving set; a nice substantial Christmas present at J. A. Myers. 12

STRAYED—from pasture 4 miles north of Bryan two black three-year-old mules, together with one bay horse colt two years old, and one seven-months old mule colt. Last seen Monday three miles from Bryan on Macy road. Reward for return to M. E. Wallace.

A called meeting of the city council was held yesterday afternoon and Messrs. J. E. Butler, W. E. Saunders and R. T. Boyle were appointed a committee to take steps to perfect the title to the city hall park and other public land of the city.

FREE WAGON—With every \$10.00 cash purchase of boys' or men's clothing made at this store we give a boy's express wagon free. See these handsome wagons in our show window. Burt Norwood. 14

The Eagle is informed that the City National Bank of Bryan has just made a sale of \$11,000 worth of land in Harris county, which disposes of all the real estate holdings of the bank.

Just received a fresh shipment of Christmas cakes and candies. Phone us for your fruit cake. We have them already cooked. Higgs & McCulloch. 11

The Knights of Pythias held a meeting last night and the applications of W. H. Bell and Milze Derden were favorably acted upon, and following the meeting the members present enjoyed a luncheon in the reading room of the lodge.

F. W. Yeager was here from Milam yesterday and called on the Eagle. Mr. Yeager is making preparations to move to Bryan at an early date.

Open stock of both white and decorated china. Something nice for Christmas presents. J. A. Myers. 12

The Eagle yesterday neglected to add to the notice of the Methodist church Christmas tree the date—Monday night.

W. E. Wren, Mose McLain, W. T. Worsham, John and Munroe Pritchett were here from Grimes county yesterday.

Lost—White spotted pig, four or five months old. Return to Charlie Hudson.

Mrs. N. P. Farris and children of Fort Worth are guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Crane.

Alleged Accomplice.

Milam, Dec. 19.—The police here have arrested Frederick Bachman of New York, who is said to have been an accomplice in a theft of \$5,000. Bachman is nineteen years old.

Takes a Recess.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Supreme court adjourned until Jan. 2.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

BRYAN, TEXAS.

Capital	-	-	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	-	-	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	-	-	30,000.00
Deposits	-	-	440,000.00

No other bank in Texas can show as large a percentage of increase in the volume of business and in deposits as can the City National Bank of Bryan for the past three years. This bank is managed by experienced business men. We are prepared to take care of any business entrusted to us, large or small. We thank our friends for the confidence they have placed in us in the past, and we solicit their future business. We also solicit the business of those who have never patronized this bank, promising you the very best of service and accommodations consistent with good banking.

We are not the depository for Bryan and Brazos County. We refused to pay interest on these accounts. If the City and County get interest on their deposits, why not the individual? We offer you a solid institution.

ED HALL, President. G. S. PARKER, Vice-President. A. W. WILKERSON, Cashier.

BREATHE HEALING BALSAMS

Hyomei, the Guaranteed Catarrh Cure, Endorsed by Physicians.

No one should confound Hyomei with the patent medicines that are advertised to cure catarrh. It is as superior to them all as the diamond is more valuable than cheap glass. Their composition is secret, but Hyomei gives its formula to all reputable physicians.

Its base is the famous eucalyptus oil, well known for its antiseptic qualities. This is combined with aromatic and healing gums and balsams, making a pure liquid which, when used in the Hyomei pocket inhaler fills the air you breathe with germ killing, disease destroying and healing powers that restore health to every part of the throat, nose and lungs.

Hyomei is endorsed by physicians generally. Many of them use it themselves to break up a cold and prevent pneumonia. It is the only natural and rational way of curing catarrh.

Would it be a common sense treatment to try and cure a corn by stomach dosing? Is it not just as foolish to try and cure catarrh by swallowing tablets or liquids? The only natural way to cure this disease and all diseases of the respiratory organs is to breathe Hyomei.

This treatment has been so successful, curing 99 per cent. of all who have used it, that Hyomei is now sold by E. J. Jenkins under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure. You run no risk whatever in buying Hyomei. If it did not possess unusual powers to cure, it could not be sold upon this plan.

THREE KINDS OF DEATH.

Starvation, Suffocation or Drowning the Fates that Confront Men.

New York, Dec. 19.—Two men are buried forty feet deep in a tunnel facing death in three different forms—by starvation, suffocation or drowning—and about 200 of their comrades are a few feet above them digging against time to save their lives. Such is the situation at the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel in Long Island City. For more than thirty hours these two workmen have been entombed in this tunnel by the cave-in of its mouth, and it is by no means certain that there are only two men buried. Police of Long Island City say there are six.

WRECKED AT BRIDGE.

Express Car Turned Over and Caught Fire and Messenger Killed.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—A special to the Star from Reading, Kan., says: Santa Fe train No. 17 was wrecked at Badger creek bridge, about five miles west of Reading at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. The tender left the track, derailing all baggage and express cars and the first two coaches. One express car turned over and caught fire. One messenger was killed. His remains were recovered. The engineer and two other messengers were seriously injured, the latter fatally. No passengers were injured.

Caught Between Cars.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 19.—Ed Bandy, a Texas and Pacific brakeman, was fatally crushed between cars here. He leaves a widow and four children.

Land Allotment For Children.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Congressman Stephens has introduced a bill directing the secretary of the interior to allot 160 acres of land to each child of Indian parentage born since June 6, 1900, whose father or mother was an enrolled member of either the Kiowa, Comanche or Apache tribe and entitled to an allotment under the act of June 6, 1900.

REFORM SCHOOL BURNS.

There Were Five Hundred Boys In It, but All Escaped.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Boys reform school of the District of Columbia, located some distance outside of Washington, caught fire at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, and the main building, in which were housed 300 boys, was totally destroyed. Loss estimated at \$50,000. No lives were lost.

Offered No Evidence.

New York, Dec. 19.—Counsel for A. H. Hummel rested without offering any evidence.

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Complete Stock of

Gold and Filled **WATCHES** For both Ladies and Gentlemen.

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Buttons, Etc., and of Breast pins or Brooches
double the stock I have ever had before. A large stock of
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GOLD-MOUNTED UMBRELLAS

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STERLING SILVER A fine line, consisting of staple and fancy pieces, etc.

As I do my business at small expense, am enabled to give my customers the advantage of cheap prices. A. MCKENZIE.

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Our stocks were never in better condition to meet the requirements of the season. We have gifts for ladies and gifts for gentlemen, gifts for children of all ages, and gifts for old people. Low priced gifts and expensive gifts. Something nice for everybody.

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DAMSELS IN PROTEST

CHORUS MAIDENS REVOLT AT LONG SKIRT IDEA.

Representatives of the Profession Indignant Over Proposition That Loveliness on the Stage Shall Be Hidden from Admiring Gaze of the Front Rows.

What's to become of the beautiful chorus maidens?

No wonder the girls are indignant.

Just when Anthony Comstock is taking a few days' rest, Marie Cahill has to get busy and out-Comstock Comstock in doing the 'I am for purity' business. This is what all the commotion along the Great White Way is about and there isn't a coryphée who



just as mad as she can be. Marie Cahill and her husband, Daniel V. Arthur, have decreed that henceforth tights, short skirts and low necked gowns are to be tabooed.

"And to think all of the trouble was stirred up by 'one of us.' That is the most unkind cut of all."

"Huh, I'd like to know what would become of the first two rows in the orchestra," said Daisy Deane, of the De Wolf Hopper company. "Why, there wouldn't be a thing doing. I wonder what Marie Cahill thinks we're on the stage for, anyway. She can swathe her chorus in long skirts and choker collars, but I'll bet the box office will call a halt on that kind of reform all right, all right."

Judging from which conservative remarks the chorus lady who represents her class doesn't care for the anti-exposure dress reform system.

"What's the use of a chorus girl having a shape," angrily demanded a lady with a beautiful gold pompadour, who was making for West Forty-second street. "If you have to hide it? There wouldn't be any cast left for us show girls if any old figure could get in and cover up her scragginess by wearing these new purity gowns. I've traveled on my shape so far and I'll not stand for any of this business."

A careful census of the chorus girl district has brought forth the following interesting statistics on the subject:

Miss Flossie Montgomery—Me in high neck and long skirts. Say, what do you take me for? I ain't joinin' no old lady's home Sunday afternoon promenade club.

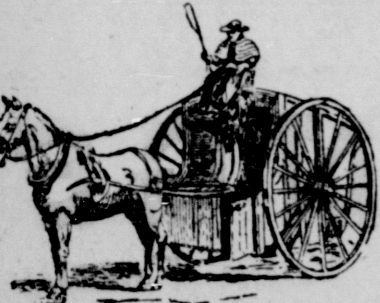
Miss Trixie St. Clair—What! Give up tights and short skirts! Why, what's the chorus coming to? I'm disgusted.

Miss Vivian Vance—Say, why don't they provide the chorus with mackintoshes and galoshes? Then nobody would be shocked. Maybe they might provide the merry, merry villagers with nice Mother Hubbards. What?

"I suppose they'll try to make us wear bloomers and sweaters with our dancing skirts," suggested an indignant dancer. "The stage ain't what it used to be. Everything's going to the dogs. Here, when a woman's got a shape she can't show it. What's wrong with the tights and short skirts I'd like to know unless you're scraggy?"

Out of the fifty merry-merry who volunteered opinions on the subject only one was for long skirts. "She's knock kneed, no wonder," commented a plump sister.—New York World.

First Hansom.



It was used in London in 1834.

Suit Worn for 47 Years.

The following letter was sent by Mr. George Howlett of Beacons Bottom, Stokenchurch, to a local contemporary: "I beg to say that William Stevens of Town End, Radnage, measured me for a suit of clothes, which was made by his son Vernon, then a lad. I have worn the same on Sundays and at other times for forty-seven years, and they are good now, and not a stitch has given away."—London Daily Mail.

Preserves His Sweet Corn.

A Bath, Me. man, who is a great lover of sweet corn, has adopted a unique method of prolonging the season. Just before the frost came he pulled up the stalks in his corn patch and placed them in a pile on the ground. The stalks were then protected from the frost by coverings. The latter kept the corn from withering and the ground aids in the work.

CAT AND CHICKENS TOGETHER

The Odd Window Display of a Poultry Supply Dealer.

In the window of a downtown dealer in poultry supplies may be seen a young tiger striped cat living in peace and harmony with a lively brood of fluffy little yellow chickens.

The cat curls itself up and dozes comfortably here, quite undisturbed by the chickens and never offering to molest them, while the little chicks, quite fearless, walk over the cat's body and stand up on top of it and peck at it for grains of food that may have been thrown upon its coat by the quick moving feet of other chicks scratching for food in another quarter.

The display space in the window is divided in the middle by a length of wire netting running back from the grass. On one side are the cat and the little chicks, while on the other side of the wire netting is a lot of larger, half grown chickens. When the cat, in its compartment walks along by that dividing wire fence in the window the half grown chickens on the other side run along; they are afraid of the cat, but the little chicks in the same compartment with it have no fear of it whatever.—New York Sun.

CAT DISTURBED THE ORGANIST.

Imprisoned Animal the Source of Discordant Sounds.

A Dorsetshire organist was discoursing a lovely voluntary the other day on the king of instruments in a Wesleyan chapel, when discordant sounds struck upon his attuned ears which set his teeth on edge and made his hair stand on end like quills upon the frightful porcupine. What were they? Whence did they come? Had the instrument gone stark mad—or had he? With great caution and all the courage he could muster, he left the keyboard, and stealthily crept around like a man in search of a burglar, determined to face the music or perish. Soon the mystery was solved, for on opening a portion of the instrument out jumped a big and envious cat, which sprang over the pews and beat a hasty and undignified retreat through a window. Then the official



and authorized organist resumed and finished his overture.—Liverpool (Eng.) Mercury.

Another Centenarian.

In Furstenhut, German Bohemia, lives Josepha Eder, who has just reached her 118th birthday. She has the distinction of being the oldest person in Europe to-day.

She has all her faculties and can read without glasses. To support herself she acts as nurse in a well-to-do family in her vicinity. She walks several miles a day, and has the appearance of a woman sixty years older rather than one of the enormous age of one hundred and eighteen years.

Mrs. Eder has always been poor and has had to work ever since she was a little girl. She has never been known to wear shoes, and even now she goes barefoot summer and winter. Sickness has never troubled her, and she has never had to call on a doctor.

The little village of Furstenhut is very proud of the old lady, and many tourists go out of their way to pay a visit to this famous resident of German Bohemia.

Violinist Charms a Skunk.

A Southwest Harbor man was playing the violin in the twilight recently when a sleek little skunk came dancing upon the veranda and up to the door near which the musician was seated.

Here the skunk apparently danced a jig to the tune of the music, and when the music ceased and the player reached for his gun, Mr. Skunk made his bow and a hasty exit.—Kennebec Journal.

Lost Valuable Companion.

Henry Whiteman of Reynolds Bridge, Conn., has lost a valuable dog. The animal, which was a big Newfoundland, used to accompany Mr. Whiteman to his labors as night watchman. Like his master, the dog always carried his lunch in his own individual pail. He never failed in eight years to bring the pail home in the morning.

Wasps in Possession of Hall.

Wasps have taken possession of the Odd Fellows' hall at Central Village, Conn. Thousands of the insects are clustered on the ceiling, and meetings in the hall are off for the present.

UP AND DOWN HIGH BUILDING.

Remarkable Feat of Steeplejack Astonished New Yorkers.

The latest sensation in New York is the "Human Fly." Clinging like a fly to the surface of the famous Flatiron building in Broadway, John Garrick, a thirty-year-old steeplejack, walked up and down the tall building while thousands below stood trembling at the daring feat. The Flatiron building is 286 feet high. Garrick made a bet that he would crawl from the twentieth story window to the ground—270 feet away—without touching a windowsill. Down he went, one foot after the other, and one hand grasping the thin ledge below, before



he released his grip on the upper one. Never for an instant did he falter or hesitate, but with calm, even movements, as though his inch of foothold was on the step of a staircase, the steeplejack came down to the street. Then Garrick swarmed up the vertical face of the Flatiron. Our sketch shows him negotiating the cornice of the roof.

PET LAID AWAY IN MAUSOLEUM.

Sharks of the Pacific Deprived of a Toothsome Morsel.

Juno, Mrs. George B. de Forest's pet poodle, who dropped into a dog heaven via the chloroform route recently, will not have to officiate as the central figure in a shark table d'hôte, as has been the fate of many pets who have died in Newport, says a San Francisco dispatch. The poodle, in a fancy box and surrounded by a thick wall of cement, lies in state under the front porch of the De Forest villa, and her shade eventually will glory in the possession of a real headstone, of real marble, before long.

When Juno became so old that life was a misery, Mrs. de Forest, with many tears, invested 25 cents in chloroform and placed the dog and Juno under the same washtub. Juno emerged in such a condition that a funeral was an immediate necessity.

The health officers suggested that the sharks out in the bay were in need of a poodle, but Mrs. de Forest vetoed the proposition, and Juno was buried in royal style.

WOULD CHECK BUSY ROOSTER.

Man Files Odd Complaint in Chicago Health Department.

If the rooster at 415 Orchard street will change its hours for crowing and will adopt regular working hours from 8 o'clock until 6 o'clock in the day, time, and a willow tree upon which the rooster occasionally roosts will grow only in its own back yard, W. E. Furness, 417 Orchard street, will be happy.

Mr. Furness has complained to the city health department that his neighbor's rooster persists in crowing from midnight until the early hours of the morning greatly to the annoyance and loss of sleep of his family. The willow tree in the neighbor's back yard also persists in growing over the fence line several feet, and the rooster occasionally struts its presence on Mr. Furness' side of the fence.

The indignant citizen does not object to the rooster, but to the crowing. If the fowl will crow in the daytime, Mr. Furness is willing that it should remain, but insists that the

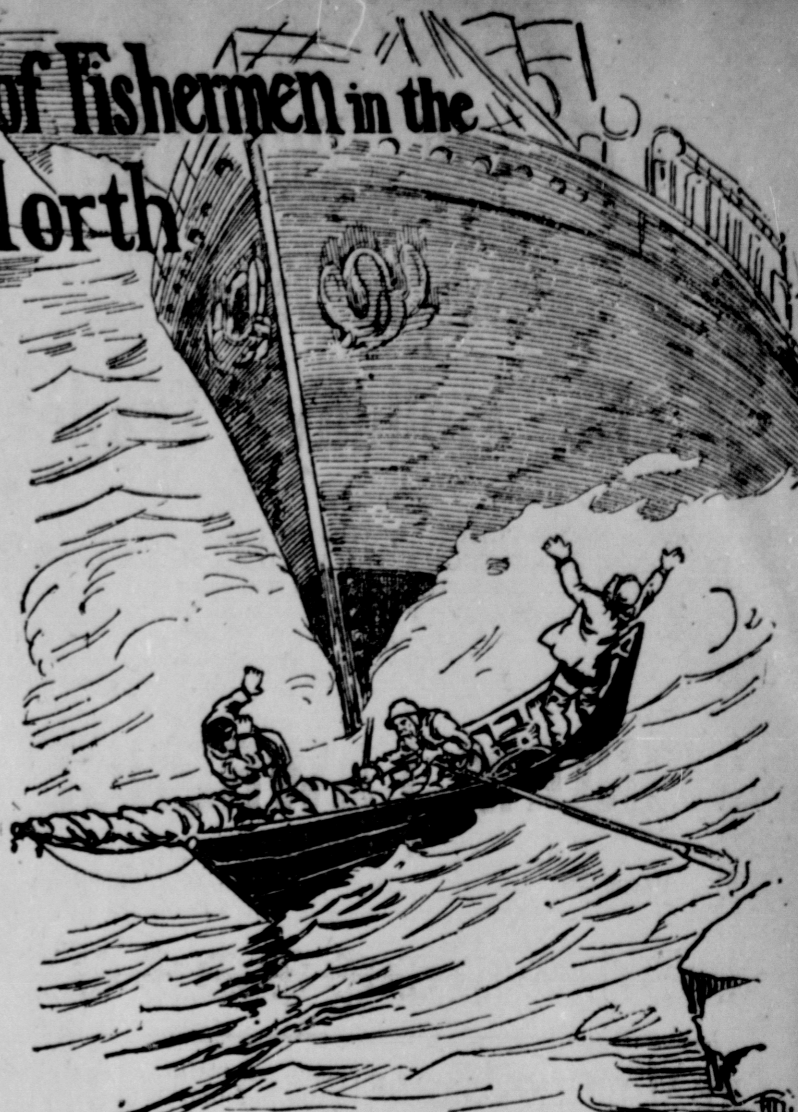


health department shall enjoin it from disturbing his midnight slumbers.—Chicago News.

Curious Flowers.

The Chinese, Japanese and Siamese are peculiarly skillful at botanical feats. One of their wonderful achievements is known as the "changeable rose." This bloom is white in the shade and red in the sunlight. At night or in a dark room this curiosity of the rose family is a pure, waxy white blossom. When transferred to the open air the transformation immediately commences—the time of the entire change of the flower from white to red depending on the degree of sunlight and warmth. First the petals take on a kind of washed or faded blue color, and rapidly change to a faint blush of pink. The pink gradually deepens in hue until the lily-white rose of an hour before is as red as the reddest peony that ever bloomed.

Deadly Perils of Fishermen in the Frozen North.



For daring and enterprise, for boldness in the face of danger, the hardy fishermen who wrest a livelihood from the perilous Arctic seas are not surpassed by any on the globe.

At this moment hundreds of these men are battling with storm and ice, fog and treacherous currents in the frigid waters of Labrador, Greenland and Iceland.

Setting out from home ports sometimes as early as April, by August they reach the northern limits of their fishing grounds and, perhaps, have already encountered extraordinary hardships and perils.

The cargoes of codfish and halibut they bring back to stock the markets of the United States are often secured at great cost in suffering, and even life.

Innumerable are the dangers of the fishing fields. Work must be done oftentimes amid icebergs and drift packs; treacherous fogs descend, and many fishing vessels are cut down by some rushing liner and sent to the bottom with all hands.

A greater percentage of these men are lost than in any other calling, not excepting that of arms. It has long been said that the history of the Gloucester fisheries is written in tears.

Gloucester, Mass., is the recognized and time-honored home port of this fishing fleet. At times its harbor is crowded with staunch schooners that have known many a battle with the wind, wave and threatening ice.

Were it not for the skill and daring of these hardy men, the fish markets of the United States would be lacking a large percentage of a staple that has become almost indispensable.

As early as April the "captains courageous" of Gloucester start out. They make their way northward, fishing all along the Newfoundland coast, battling with fogs and bergs, dodging passing steamers, watching for disaster amid fogs, but busily fishing all the while.

Straight into the teeth of the ice that is coming southward they press, until they reach the halibut banks about the mouth of Hudson bay, or the fishing grounds along the shores of Greenland.

One July morning an American schooner was setting out her fishing lines in Arctic waters when the white wall of an advancing ice floe was seen coming swiftly along on the bosom of the relentless Labrador current. It was a lone, terrifying barrier, bristling with jagged points and blocks of ice twenty feet high.

In this massive grip the ship was caught, her rudder was smashed and her seams opened. Ice closed around her like some giant band of destiny and immense blocks crashed upon her deck.

By setting all her canvas, at the risk of having her spars torn out, the vessel finally worked clear. For six days the weary crew toiled without ceasing at the pumps, until they made St. John's harbor.

Very fortunate they felt in escaping so easily. Hundreds of vessels had been caught in similar ice packs and crushed to pieces.

This instance is cited as illustrating a common danger of the fishing grounds. Hundreds of vessels have had similar experiences, while many unfortunate have never returned to tell the tale.

It is a danger that swoons down with startling swiftness. One hour may see the ocean comparatively free of obstructions, and a number of vessels busy with their fishing lines; the next, all may be encircled by an ice

floe and some of them sent to a watery grave.

Fishing is done from small boats, or dories, of which each sailing vessel carries eight or a dozen. Each dory is manned by two fishermen.

It is from these little craft, frail enough at best, but helpless in the ice, that most of the fishermen are lost.

Crowding on sail, the schooner may escape from the threatening mass, but the dories caught in it are in a desperate plight.

The men may crawl upon the moving ice, but that does not always mean safety. Borne swiftly on the south-bound current, they are often carried far beyond the reach of help. When their schooners finally sail back into Gloucester, flags are at half mast and more names are added to the list of the sea's victims, to be read at the next annual memorial services.

Often far south of the fishing banks will be seen mute evidences of a tragedy upon some floating cake of ice. It may be a lot of seamen's gear, a few tin cans, perhaps, or even a dory, but no sign of life.

The sight of a vessel coming into harbor with her ensign at half-mast is all too frequent at Gloucester. And many a fine craft sails jauntily away to the North, never to be heard from again.

Overwhelmed by a floe or berg, perhaps, or run down in a fog by a liner, the vessel vanishes with all hands on board, leaving not a trace of the manner in which death overtook them.

A number of vessels are lost by dragging their anchors in a sudden storm. One unmanageable craft will crash into another, and the two, locked in deadly embrace, may plunge upon a third, and all go to the bottom.

Fishermen always keep their ears open for the sound of an approaching steamer. When the fog is so thick that one can scarcely see the end of the bowsprit, there is especial danger from these steam-driven giants, with their sharp iron bows that crush down the little wooden fishing vessels as though it were a floating house of cards.

For steamers do not always follow the law and slow down during a fog.

"Father" Ballou's Religion.

At one time, many years ago, the Universalist Society of Methuen, Mass., was without a pastor, and the pulpit was supplied from Sunday to Sunday by different clergymen who were "put up" by one of the deacons.

On a certain Sunday when "Father" Ballou was engaged to preach the deacon was called out of town, so he arranged with Mrs. Brown, a neighbor, and a straight-laced orthodox, to entertain Mr. Ballou. As the hostess and her eminent guest sat at the supper table there seemed to be a dearth of sociability. Finally Mrs. B., who always felt solicitous about "those deluded Universalists," broke the silence with: "Mr. Ballou, do you think you've got religion?"

"None to boast of, madam," was the curt reply.

It is needless to say that the learned divine's epigrammatic answer completely disarmed his interlocutor.

Not "Mike" Donahue's Picture.

Col. "Mike" Donahue of the Tenth New Hampshire was somewhat fond of drink. After the war, the Tenth, wishing his picture, commissioned an artist to do the job. After the painting was finished, the artist, seeing one of the veterans of the Tenth, an Irishman, called him in to ask his opinion of the picture.

The old Irishman walked up to the easel, scrutinized the picture, and was about to put his hand on the canvas, when the artist cried out: "Don't touch it! Don't touch it! It's not dry!"

"Not dry! Not dry!" shouted Pat. "Then, be jabers, it's not Mike Donahue."

Necessity for Persistence.

Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia was the guest of honor at a dinner given by A. J. Drexel Biddle. In the course of the dinner the reform mayor said:

"This great cleansing movement now at work in our city will only succeed by being persistently kept up. We must not grow weary in well-doing. Our enthusiasm must not cool. Above all, we must not expect our friends to do the work. We must do the work ourselves."

"A wise old man said wisely to me yesterday: 'Too many of the reforms I have seen remind me of the way my father used to weed the kitchen garden. Father would rush me into the garden with him and weed like a madman for about two minutes. 'There,' he would say, 'now you see how easy it is.' Then he would go off and sit down in the shade with his pipe and the weekly paper and leave me to keep at it all the afternoon.'"

Unbrotherly Comment.

Chief Baron O'Grady, a British jurist, was a humorist of the first water, as the following stories will prove. One day a brother judge, who owed his promotion rather to interest than to brains, was boasting to O'Grady of the summary way in which he disposed of matters in his court.

"I say to the fellows who are bothering me with foolish arguments that there's no use in wasting my time and their breath, for that all their talk only just goes in at one ear and out at the other."

"And no wonder," quietly answered O'Grady, "seeing that there's so little in between to stop it!"

Tried It on the Horse.

A boss plasterer, approaching a building in course of construction one hot day last summer, met one of his laborers with a tin pail.

"Where are you going, Rooney?" he asked.

"I'm going for a can of beer, sir, as it's a hot day, and we are all thirsty on the job," replied Rooney.

"That is not necessary. If you would put a pebble in your mouth you would never be thirsty."

The next day the boss came to the building in a buggy. Seeing Rooney, he ordered him to water the horse and went into the building. When he came out he asked:

"Rooney, did you give that horse a drink?"

"Sure, he don't need a drink, sir; I put a handful of pebbles in his mouth," replied Rooney.

His Greatest Loss.

John D. Crimmins tells of a party that hired a boat owned by a man at Atlantic City who takes out sailing parties for a consideration. A number of young ladies were of the party.

About a mile and a half out from the Inlet the wind freshened most unexpectedly and there was trouble. For a while it looked as if the dinky little catboat would capsize. The girls were considerably wrought up and gave expression to their fears in no uncertain manner.

"See here, young ladies, said the owner of the craft, just as one of the passengers let out an awful shriek, 'you seem to forget that if she goes down I'm the chap that loses most. She's my boat.'—New York Times.

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HAS THE CLIMATE CHANGED?

Discussion of Apparent Change in the
Texas Trans-Pecos Country.

The remarkable change in the climate of the Trans-Pecos country, which began about eighteen months ago, has excited considerable discussion. Nobody doubts that if the change be permanent this will become, to a considerable extent, a farming country. During the past season everything that was planted grew and the harvest was abundant. The weather thus far leads many to believe that next season will be equally favorable to the farmers. Indeed, the ground is now so thoroughly wet that not more than half as much rain will be necessary as is usually required to make good crop. And if there are two good seasons, why not three, four, or an indefinite number?

A good many people are beginning to believe the change is permanent, and as there is no effect without a cause, those of a philosophic turn of mind are inquiring what brought about the wonderful change. Of the various explanations offered, two are worthy of serious thought: First, the settlement of the country; second, the formation of the Salton Sea in what has heretofore been a desert basin in Southern California.

The belief that the settlement and cultivation of a country by civilized men does change the climate is wide-spread and is not confined to the illiterate; many scientists are of this opinion. There are on record abundance of facts to support this view. On the contrary, relapse of the people of a country into barbarism and the neglect of cultivation seems to work an unfavorable change in the climate.

A striking example of the latter is found in Syria, which today could not possibly sustain the population it had in the days of Solomon.

As to the second cause, it is scarcely probable that so small a body of water as the Salton Sea alone would exert an appreciable influence on the climate at such a distance. But there are, in addition, numerous and extensive artificial lakes at various places in northern Mexico, New Mexico and Arizona, which have been made within recent years for irrigation purposes, and innumerable small lakes or "tanks," built by ranchmen for watering live stock. It is not unreasonable that the combined influence of all these has modified the climate to a considerable extent.

But it is not yet safe to assume that we have done with drouths. Indeed, it is hardly possible that so great a change could be effected in so short a time. All we can safely do is to hope that they will continue gradually to become less frequent and less protracted. In the meantime, let us make the most of the good seasons we are now enjoying, without staking too much on the future.—Alpine Avalanche.

Judge Jas. B. Wells has showed up at Austin, and it is given out that he is not yet ready to announce his candidacy for governor. This looks like a declaration that he is going to be in the race. Bell, Campbell, Wells, Colquitt and Brooks—so far we have a candidate for every point of the Lone Star.

J. B. PRUIT DEAD.

Millican, Tex., Dec. 17.—The death of Mr. J. B. Pruitt occurred last night at Alienfarm. He was born in Naples, Morris Co., Tex.; aged 27 years. He has been in the convict business for twelve years, and has been employed as sergeant at W. L. Steele's camp for the past two years. He leaves a father, step-mother and several brothers and sisters and half-brothers and sisters. He had many friends and was liked by all.

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Mrs. Howell.
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Mrs. Boatwright.
Song—Maiden's Cadiz.....Delibes
Mrs. Davis.
(a) Piano—Minuet.....Wachs
(b) Shepherd's Song.....Gregg
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Duet—"I Would That My Love".....
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H. & T. C. will sell round trip tickets at one fare and a third on Dec. 23rd only, to points in Ohio, Indiana, part of Pennsylvania, part of New York, part of Illinois, and Louisville, Kentucky.

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HAWTHORN MUSICAL CLUB OF BOSTON

Opera House Dec. 25—Third Attraction
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On Christmas night there will be at the opera house the most unique and entertaining attractions that ever was in Bryan. The club is of international reputation, on the eve of its sixth season of unparalleled success. Each of the five members is an adept on several different, and a thorough artist on one or more instruments. The Dallas News says:

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"A large audience the first night, they doubled it the second night and the largest audience in the history of the chataqua the third night."—Rev. Homer T. Wilson, San Antonio, Texas—Boulder, (Col.) chataqua.
Don't forget the date, Christmas night. Admission will be 75 cents and \$1.00.

A Suggestive Sermon.

The Rev. Dr. Howard, chaplain to Princess Augusta, was so fond of good living that he ran into debt with many of the tradesmen in his parish. It was in their special interests that he one day preached from the text, "Have patience, and I will pay you all." He spoke at great length on the virtues of patience and then proceeded, "I now come to the second part of my discourse, which is, 'and I will pay you all,' but that I shall defer to a future occasion."—London Standard.

Take a Felon In Time.

If you have the appearance of a felon coming put some hardwood ashes in an old tin cup, pour over them warm water, immerse the end of the sore finger in the ashes, set the dish on some live coals or on top of the stove, keeping the finger in as long as you can, and soak it several times a day. If taken in time it generally cures a felon from coming if the finger is wet with it often.

Inaccessible to Pain.

A mother's love for her children is always being illustrated, not only in books, but in real life. A true story is told of a lady whose baby was very ill and who sat watching the child with absorbed attention, every instant fearing another convulsion and praying for deliverance from it. At her side stood an older child, who had stolen into the room unobserved and who was trying to pick the little black spots in mamma's hair with a needle he had found. Presently the father came in, and the little child was seen and sent away.

"What is the matter with your arm?" whispered the gentleman to his wife when at last they turned to each other and smiled their thankfulness that the baby had fallen asleep.
"I don't know," said she. "Nothing that I am aware of."

She put up her hand and found that the thin muslin sleeve was soaked with blood. The little boy had become so absorbed in his sport that he had jabbed with all his might, and she in her terrible anxiety had not felt the thrusts.

Cleaning Men's Clothes.

A tailor of fifty years' experience gives the following information:

All men's clothing to be cleaned should be thoroughly beaten and brushed. Some things are so dirty it is absolutely necessary to wash them as any other woolen goods. Iron on the wrong side. To remove spots, use the following:

Two ounces of hartshorn, an ounce of castile soap, a quarter of an ounce of saltpeter. Dissolve in a quart of rain water.

He has used many cleaning mixtures, but considers this the best. Put a wad of soft cloth (like an old towel) under the spot, saturate well and rub hard. The secret of success lies in hard rubbing, which will drive the grease through into the wad of cloth. Rub dark goods with dark woolen and light goods with light. Press on right side with damp cloth between iron and garment.—Buffalo News.

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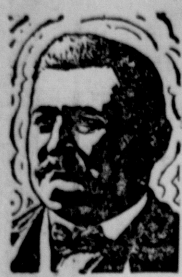
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Bernhardt May Be Knight.

Sarah Bernhardt's name has been proposed by the minister of public instruction and fine arts for the Cross of Knight of the Legion of Honor. The grand chancery of the order, with which the final decision rests, is now considering the list of nominations. Every one hopes that the decoration will be conferred on the famous actress this time. It is an open secret that she has been more than once before proposed for the Legion of Honor. But the minister's nomination in her favor has been each time rejected by the grand chancery, which, strange as it may seem in that land of dramatic art entertains Old World prejudices against the stage.

Hitherto not one French actor or actress has been decorated as an actor or actress, but in every case as a professor at the Conservatoire, or else for charitable work.

Old Excuse Is Rejected.

A married Italian couple who left their lodgings at Avellino without paying their rent because they thought the house was haunted have been fined \$100. The judge ruled that modern science does not recognize the existence of ghosts.

Shoes which would bring \$2.50 in this country are sold for \$10 a pair in parts of Northern Brazil; the ad valorem duty is 120 per cent, while the consumption tax is 17 cents.

The dressed skins of wild animals constituted the earliest known form of currency, and they are still in use in some parts of the uncivilized world.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.

PASSING OF PORRIDGE

Makes Way for the Better Food of a Better Day.

"Porridge is no longer used for breakfast in my home," writes a loyal Briton from Huntsville, Ont. This was an admission of no small significance to one "brought up" on the time-honored stand-by.

"One month ago," she continues, "I bought a package of Grape-Nuts food for my husband, who had been an invalid for over a year. He had passed through a severe attack of pneumonia and la grippe combined, and was left in a very bad condition when they passed away."

"I tried everything for his benefit, but nothing seemed to do him any good. Month followed month and he still remained as weak as ever. I was almost discouraged about him when I got the Grape-Nuts, but the result has compensated me for my anxiety."

"In the one month that he has eaten Grape-Nuts he has gained 10 pounds in weight, his strength is rapidly returning to him, and he feels like a new man. Now we all eat Grape-Nuts food, and are the better for it. Our little 5 year old boy, who used to suffer from pains in the stomach after eating the old-fashioned porridge, has no more trouble since he began to use Grape-Nuts, and I have no more doctor's bills to pay for him."

"We use Grape-Nuts with only sweet cream, and find it the most tasty dish in our bill of fare."

"Last Monday I ate 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, nothing else, then set to work and got my morning's work done by 9 o'clock, and felt less tired, much stronger, than if I had made my breakfast on meat, potatoes, etc., as I used to. I wouldn't be without Grape-Nuts in the house for any money." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Prayer

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore,
let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and
day.
For what are men better than sheep or
goats?
That nourish a blind life within the
brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of
prayer,
Both for themselves and those who call
them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every
way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of
God.
—Tennyson.



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When Harry Emmerson came home crowned with success and honor, the uppermost thought in his mind was of Helen Ashton. It was not only uppermost, but all-pervading. Sweet as were the anticipations of his parents' pride and joy over his accomplishments, even these were secondary to the welcome he expected to receive from his boyhood sweetheart.

To be sure, no formal engagement existed between them, but it had been tacitly understood when he went forth into the world that when he attained a sufficient measure of success he would return and claim her for his own bride.

The struggle had been fierce and consuming. Success had not descended upon him like a gentle dove. It never does in real life. He had wrested it from an unwilling world by desperate energy, self-abetting persistence, tireless persistence: With no backing of money or influence the young engineer had found it very hard to get a foothold in the slippery path to achievement.

It had seemed at first that he never would be given an opportunity to show what he could do. But with iron determination he had forced himself to be thorough with the inconsequential things he was set to do and to wait patiently the opportunity he resolutely believed would come to him. Nor was a moment wasted. Every leisure hour was devoted to perfecting himself in all the branches of his profession.

So when the opportunity came he was thoroughly prepared and able to avail himself of it. His performances had startled the engineering world and his resources and mastery of principles surprised the older engineers. Then, of course, opportunities crowded upon him and he rose rapidly, until at last he saw an assured career before him and felt his feet upon the rocks of safety.

Then he turned back to the old town and the friends of his boyhood. Then did he feel that he could go back to Helen and lay his heart and his achievements at her feet. Then did he permit himself to go back and hear the old father say, "Well done," and to see the light of pride beam in his mother's eyes.

Now, all this had taken much time. Ten years had gone by since he left, a lad of 20, to do battle with the world. He had not taken time from his strenuous work to so much as visit the old home. Indeed, he had no desire to do so until he could take with him the laurel wreath. He had corresponded with Helen, but not very regularly, and had kept out of his letters all the tender sentiment he felt, because he felt that she must come to him only as the crown of success. Nor did he feel justified in paying court to her until he had proven himself worthy. Now he hastened to her with the consciousness of his deserts and eager for his bliss.

But the absorbed young man had forgotten that the years had brought their changes and their experiences to other people as well as to him. What, then, was his surprise and dismay to learn before he had fairly arrived at the home town the universal gossip that Helen Ashton was about to become the bride of Herbert Nieman, the heir to the Nieman millions.

At first he was full of unreasoning anger and rushed off post haste to accuse her of fickleness and reproach her for broken faith. But she received him with such evident cordiality and pleasure and her clear eyes look-



Received him with such evident cordiality that his purpose failed.

Besides, it was a very different person into whose presence he was ushered than the laughing, mischievous, vivacious girl of 16 from whom he had parted ten years ago. As she came forward to greet him in the full glow of young womanhood, tall, se-

vere, self-poised and beautiful as a Greek goddess, he felt a shock as from a bucket of ice water, and instantly it came to his clear intelligence that while he had been growing in his life she had been growing in hers. He realized also that he had established no claim upon her excepting in his own consciousness. He saw the injustice and selfishness of his years of silence and he saw the poetic justice of the losing of the main prize of



Nieman was to take her to the opera. His efforts, after all, as a result of his blind pride.

More than this, as he talked with her he felt the power of her personality and began to wonder if he was not presumptuous in aspiring to his beautiful creature, despite all his success.

In fact, as he walked the floor that night he began to doubt the measure of his own accomplishments when viewed relatively. Why, indeed, should this glorious creature, upon whom the luxuries of the world would sit so well, choose a life of ordinary domesticity when the treasures of the world were laid at her feet. After all his success meant only the privilege to keep on working hard, tunneling more mountains, battling more of the difficulties of nature. He never could hope for great riches. Indeed, he never had coveted them. A liberal increase he was assured of—but palaces and yachts and leisure and travel and princely luxuries he could hope for, if at all, only after many years more of work and then only by changing his motives and his ideals and his methods.

On the other hand, there was Nieman with all his millions inherited from both his father and his mother, invested in securities which brought an income beyond the hope of spending—he could give her every heart's desire and permit her to shine as she was meant to shine. With him she could become but a part of his life, and radiate only his achievements. With Nieman her own world opened before her. Emmerson admitted this to himself with great bitterness.

Manlike he accepted his conclusions as established facts, and even in his repentance failed to declare his love. He showed it plainly enough and rallied to her at his ill-fortune. She was provokingly inscrutable and teasingly coquettish. Emmerson was driven distracted by her and the love he had felt for the girl sweetheart he had left seemed puny beside the great passion he conceived for the woman he found.

"When are you going to Midas' Castle?" he asked savagely one day. "When he asks me—maybe," she replied.

"Are you engaged to him?" he persisted.

"That's rather impudent," she replied.

"Well, if you are not, it is all understood, I reckon," he went on, disregarding the danger signals in her eyes. "The Lord knows I don't blame you. What has a poor devil like me to offer you excepting a decent living and a heart full of love?"

Just then a servant announced Mr. Nieman.

"You never offered me anything as yet," she said audaciously, as she arose and turned toward the door.

Emmerson leaped to his feet and started toward her. Just then Nieman entered, tall, cadaverous, his dead-white complexion accentuated by the monocle he affected and Miss Ashton received him warily, while Emmerson sank back into his seat with a surly nod.

Nieman was to take her to the opera, so it seemed, and soon they went, leaving Emmerson still sitting gloomily in his chair.

"Curse the luck. What did she mean?" he muttered. "Have I missed still another chance? That fellow looks like he was going to propose to-night."

He was right. On the way home in his carriage, Nieman formally laid himself and the Nieman millions at her feet.

When they returned she found Emmerson still there, greatly to her surprise.

"All," he said, "I thought I would wait and learn the worst," he said. "Did he ask you?"

"Yes," she replied demurely, flushing deeply.

"Ah, when are you to become a happy wife," he persisted.

She walked straight up to him and looked into his eyes mischievously.

"Whenever you ask me, you great goose," she said.

Law's Extremities.

Mr. Percival Fitzrusher wore a frown and his automobiling costume when haled into the justice court on a charge of exceeding the speed limit.

"It's an outrage!" he asserted, vehemently and repeatedly, but the only friendly glance he got was from Mr. Footloose Freddy, who was taking things easy in a swaybacked chair and watching the proceedings with interest.

Mr. Footloose Freddy was also under arrest. His case was called first, and he was fined \$20 for vagrancy. Then the charge against Mr. Fitzrusher was on, and he, being guilty, was also fined \$20 and costs.

"It's an outrage, a miserable outrage!" he repeated.

"It is, for a fact," agreed Footloose Freddy.

Which gratuitous consolation so pleased Mr. Fitzrusher that he paid the fine of Footloose and walked with him from the justice court, continuing his comment upon the outrageousness of the proceedings.

"There's no such thing as justice in this community," asserted Mr. Fitzrusher.

"I should say not, pard," agreed Footloose Freddy. "Why, look. Day rabs you for movin' an' me fer sittin' still. Where does a man get off?"—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Yielding All.

"Our wills are ours to make them thine."

Laid on Thine altar, O my Lord divine,
Accept this gift to-day, for Jesus' sake,
I have no jewels to adorn Thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make.

But here I bring within my trembling hand
This will of mine—a thing that seemeth small—
And Thou alone, O Lord, canst understand.
How when I yield Thee this, I yield mine all.

Hidden therein Thy searching gaze can see
Struggles of passion, visions of delight;
All that I have or am or faint would be,
Deep loves, fond hopes and longings

It hath been wet with tears and dimmed with sighs,
Clenched in my grasp till beauty hath it none,
Now from Thy footstool where it vanquished lies.
The prayer ascendeth—may Thy will be done.

Take it, O Father, ere my courage fail,
And merge it so in Thine own will,
That even
If in some desperate hour my cries prevail.

And thou give back my gift, it may have been
So changed, so purified, so fair have grown
So one with Thee, so filled with peace divine,
I may not know or feel it as mine own.

But gaining back my will may find it Thine.

Men of Brilliancy Seem Scarce.

German professors are supposed to be as plentiful as strawberries in June, but the University of Vienna seems to be unable to find men worthy of occupying some of its chairs, especially in the medical faculty. The late Prof. Nothnagel's place has been offered to Prof. Kraus, who, however, prefers to remain in Berlin, and no medical instructor now in Austria seems to be considered big enough for the place. The chair of hygiene was vacated two years ago by the departure of Prof. Gruber to Munich. It has not been possible to secure as his successor one of the only four men considered sufficiently eminent—Gruber, Rubner, Flugge and Huelpe—wherefore the professorship will probably be offered to a younger man who has yet to make his reputation.

Difference in Creeds.

"I ran across two new sects up in Minnesota, a few days ago," said the returned traveler. "In a village of a few hundred people I saw two large churches. I thought there must be intense piety among the natives, coupled with a difference of opinion, and I made some inquiries."

"Yah," said the Swede, "das wan we tank Ey she made Adam ate apple, an' das wan we tank Adam dam rascal all time."

Was This in New York?

A short time ago Mayor McClellan, when requested by a visitor to make a certain appointment, put this pertinent inquiry:

"Is your friend honest?"

"Naw! Naw!" replied the visitor. "That doesn't go. He'd steal the hinges off a safe, but he's a good feller, a right good feller, your honor."

"Nixie," replied the mayor.—New York Sun.

Machines Swallow Nickels.

Since the Nevada legislature legalized slot machines there have not been enough nickels in circulation, outside of the slot machine bazars, to buy 5 cents' worth of gum for a six-year-old school girl. A keg containing \$1,500 in nickels was recently received not from the factory by a Reno bank.

Senator Clark's Mansion.

The wonderful mansion built by Senator Clark of Montana, in Fifth avenue, New York, is nearing completion. The total cost will be about \$5,000,000. It is not so large as one or two others in the neighborhood, but is by far the most costly of any of them.

Needs "lou."

Robert Christy, a venerable Britisher, now visiting this country, reminiscences tells of his long acquaintance with the Prince of Wales, now King Edward, and narrates the story of his christening when a baby. All of the stores of the empire were illuminated that night, and Albert Edward's initials, "A. E." were displayed in all the windows, when one of the courtiers remarked, "Before he wears the crown the lad will need the three other vowels."

The Stomach's Tribulations.

The chief of the Paris Laboratory, who has been lecturing Parisians upon their digestions, put it this way: "When a man takes milk for breakfast, preserved with formic aldehydes, when he eats at luncheon a slice of ham kept by borax, with spinach or French beans made green with sulphite of copper, and when he washes all that down with half a bottle of wine cleared with an excess of plaster of Paris, and that for 20 years, how is it to be expected that such a man can have a stomach?"

Indian Princesses in London.

Three Indian princesses live in an old fashioned red brick house at Hampton Court on the Thames, London. The house, which is called Faraday House, was given them by Queen Victoria, and the girls are Bamba, Catherine and Sophia, the daughters of the late Maharajah Dhuleep Singh. They have been brought up entirely in the English manner and live the life of young English women of rank.

Whisky 100 Years Old in Church Wall.

Concealed somewhere in the old Presbyterian church at Fairton there is said to be a bottle of whisky at least 100 years old. When the edifice was being built, it is said, the workmen struck for whisky, which in those days seemed to be a necessity. A quart was furnished them, but according to Hosea Husted, then an apprentice, the liquor was so "ornery" that the men couldn't drink it, but buried it in the walls. Robert Wescott, who relates the incident, says the bottle is still there.—Philadelphia Record.

Where Others Failed.

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by, but the trouble has not returned."

Mrs. Kate Howard,
Little Rock, Ark.

Florio's Idea of Restitution.

Signor Vincenzo Florio, who recently committed suicide at Naples, left a fortune of four million lire. His will was found on a table in his room: "I took this money from the rich by advancing loans on interest. The rich took it from the poor, and to the poor I wish it to be restored." Before taking his life Signor Florio threw away the key of the safe which guarded his fortune, from a fear that the money might be stolen.

HOSPITALS CROWDED

MAJORITY OF PATIENTS WOMEN

Mrs. Pinkham's Advice Saves Many From this Sad and Costly Experience.



It is a sad but true fact that every year brings an increase in the number of operations performed upon women in our hospitals. More than three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow

white beds are women and girls who are awaiting or recovering from operations made necessary by neglect.

Every one of these patients has plenty of warning in that bearing down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back, leucorrhoea, dizziness, flatulency, displacements of the womb or irregularities. All of these symptoms are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb, and if not heeded the trouble will make headway until the penalty has to be paid by a dangerous operation, and a lifetime of impaired usefulness at best, while in many cases the results are fatal.

The following letter should bring hope to suffering women. Miss Luella Adams, of the Colonnade Hotel, Seattle, Wash., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—About two years ago I was a great sufferer from a severe female trouble, pains and headaches. The doctor prescribed for me and finally told me that I had a tumor on the womb and must undergo an operation if I wanted to get well. I felt that this was my death warrant, but I spent hundreds of dollars for medical help, but the trouble kept growing. Fortunately I corresponded with an aunt in the New England States, and she advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it was said to cure tumors. I did so and immediately began to improve in health, and I was entirely cured, the tumor disappearing entirely without an operation. I wish every suffering woman would try this great preparation."

Just as surely as Miss Adams was cured of the troubles enumerated in her letter, just so surely will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure every woman in the land who suffers from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, nervous excitability and nervous prostration.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all young women who are ill to write her for free advice. Address, Lynn, Mass.

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Our Offering for your Christmas Trade

Big shipment Blanke's Candies of all kinds just received including Crystalized Pineapple, Crystalized Cherries, &c. Blanke's 1-pound fancy boxes Bon Bons and Chocolates equal to the best; surpassed by none. Stuffed Dates 1-lb pks; plain Dates in 1-lb pks. Baker's cocoa, chocolate. Something New—Peters' Imported Swiss Sweet Chocolate at 10 cents per package—tastes like more.

Shelled English Walnuts, per pound	50c
Shelled Almonds, per pound	50c
New crop Almonds, English Walnuts, Filberts, Brazil Nuts. Fresh shipment Cakes and Crackers.	
5 pound Oxford Fruit Cake	1.50
Half-pound packages Evaporated Krisp Sponge Lady Fingers.	
Nabisco Wafers, Festus Wafers, per package	15c
Despite the advance in Cranberries we are still selling them per quart.	20c
Cox old fashioned Gelatine. Knox's aspiculated Gelatine 15c per package 2 for.	25c

Try these, Dr. Price's Jelly Sugar Pickles, Olives, and other good things too numerous to mention. A visit to our store or a call for 114 will convince you we can supply your wants.

"Ferndell Canned Goods are Better."

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

H. & T. C. SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND TRAINS:	
No. 3	1:38 p.m.
No. 5	12:46 a.m.
SOUTH BOUND TRAINS:	
No. 2	3:40 p.m.
No. 6	2:48 a.m.

I. & G. N. SCHEDULE.

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.	
No. 11 arrives at	4:50 p.m.
NORTH BOUND TRAINS.	
No. 12 arrives at	9:10 a.m.

SPECIAL MILLINERY NOTICE.

Our millinery season will close Saturday, Dec. 23. Special orders will receive prompt attention up to the above date.

12 WILSON & EDGE.

The I. & G. N. passenger train, due here Monday afternoon, did not arrive until about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. It was delayed in leaving Fort Worth by an engine off in the yards, and also at Mart by an engine off. Trains on both roads have been running late recently.

Nice fruit cakes any price every day from now on through the holidays, also fresh bread, fancy cakes, etc., at the Texas Bakery. Phone 89. Mrs. Otto Boehme, Prop. d-tf

Do you need a new pair of real snappy dress shoes for Christmas? If so, go to Norwood's and have a look at their big stock received today.

We have received a complete assortment of the famous Dunlap \$5.00 shoes. We want each boy and man in Bryan to come in and have a look at them. Burt Norwood. 14

Miss Janie Cooper returned to Wellborn yesterday, after a visit to friends in this city. Miss Cooper is teaching music near Lufkin, and is at Wellborn spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. P. H. Dawson.

Put in your order with Fountain & Co. for

Celery
Pineapples
Bananas
Oranges
Apples

Received fresh every day. 11

You can find any style and kind of good shoes in the famous Dunlap and Douglass new shoes, at Norwood's. 14

I am in the meat business. Can sell you anything in this line delivered as fast as two boys can carry it to you. S. H. Franklin. 14

Mrs. E. Gandy of Rock Prairie was in the city yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Romney Dansby.

15 dozen pairs Douglass \$3.50 shoes in all the new styles and leathers received today. Norwood's. 14

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Swancoat leave today to spend the holidays in Austin and San Marcos.

About 4 or 5 dozen white Wool Sweaters worth \$1.50, to close for \$1.00; at Norwood's. 14

Major C. A. Adams returned yesterday from Houston and other south Texas points.

Ask to see our new assortment of the famous Dunlap \$5.00 shoes. Burt Norwood. 14

Can't cut it in a minute, but as fast as two boys can get there. S. H. Franklin. 14

Dolls and toys at Emmel & Maloney's. 14

LOCALS

Grapefruit, pineapple, etc. Howell Bros. 14

Fine cut glass at Emmel & Maloney's. 14

S. V. Lawson returned from Waco yesterday.

Holiday perfumes at Emmel & Maloney's. 14

Use Batavia catsup. It's good. Howell Bros. 14

Read Hunter & Chatham's ad—read it now. 15

Dr. R. W. Broach of Lyons was in the city yesterday.

Fresh shipment of cakes and crackers. Howell Bros. 14

Fine line of pocket knives—see them. J. A. Myers. 12

Capt. and Mrs. S. M. Derden went to Houston yesterday.

Manicure sets and toilet sets at Emmel & Maloney's. 14

Dr. G. F. Lee was a visitor from Wellborn yesterday.

Mrs. J. M. Soles was a visitor from Wellborn yesterday.

Miss Frankie Armstrong arrived from Hearne yesterday.

"Financiers," a fine Christmas present. Fountain & Co. 12

Judge Lock McDaniel of Houston was a visitor here yesterday.

My Haveland China sets. A good present. J. A. Myers. 12

A marriage license has been issued to Lee Lewis and Julia Mack-shia.

For Rent—Three business houses on Main street. Apply to C. G. Parsons. w-11 d-19

Webb Chatham of Louisiana arrived yesterday to spend the holidays.

You can find lots of suitable presents for Christmas at my store. J. A. Myers. 12

Mrs. W. A. Rowan returned to Alvin yesterday, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Spencer Ford, and other relatives.



Christmas Gifts for Men



At the Mens Store

A vast showing of appropriate and seasonable gifts for men awaits your choosing here. You will find no such assortment of high grade wearables for men and boys outside of the largest city stores, and at prices far below what they would ask you. Remember this is a mens store; we understand their every whim and can show you just exactly what they would appreciate for Christmas

GIVE A MAN SOMETHING TO WEAR

if you want to please him. Let us help you make your selection, watch our show windows, come in and look in our show cases, they are brimming over with handsome articles of mens' wear especially selected for HOLIDAY GIFTS for men and boys', all reasonably priced. Below we offer a few suggestions from our large stock

See our Show Window Displays

SMOKING JACKETS

There is nothing that makes a handsomer present than one of these warm, comfortable house coats. We show them in navy blue, brown and grey, trimmed in bright rich plaids, edged with silk cord and closed with silk clasps to match at \$5.00, \$6.00 and.....

7.50

HANDKERCHIEFS

Everything that is new and correct will be found in our handkerchief department. Plain white hemstitched cambric and linen at 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, and.....

50c

Plain white initial handkerchiefs, put up half dozen in neat box, per box.....

75c

Fine quality pure Irish linen, with latest script initial in corner, per box, all letters, put up half dozen in box.....

1.50

Plain white silk hemstitched handkerchiefs medium and extra large sizes at 25c, 50c, 75c, and.....

1.00

Silk and linen, the very latest thing out this season in mens' handkerchiefs in plaids, stripes and checks of blue, grey and tan, each.....

50c

Fine white hemstitched silk handkerchiefs, with handsome crest initial, all letters, each.....

50c

BATH ROBES

Robes of Terry cloth, light colors with pretty bright plaids, full length, trimmed with cord and tassels.....

3.50

Handsome German Robes, large figured patterns with rich border to match.....

5.00

Dressing Gowns of fine all wool Golf material in solid grey and brown, cuffs, collars and pockets, trimmed with self plaids.....

12.50

NECKWEAR

Our showing of Christmas Neckwear surpasses any previous effort on the part of this store. Beautiful Holiday silks in the seasons richest colorings in four-in-hands, puffs, ascots and imperials 50c, 75c and.....

1.00

Special—A beautiful collection of rich silk 4-in-hands in evening shades, put up in handsome boxes, with pretty water color heads painted on cover, each.....

75c

SILK UMBRELLAS

With fine natural wood, sterling silver and gold trimmed handles, fine black silk covers close rolled at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and.....

7.50

MENS' SLIPPERS

Men's house slippers in black, tan, and chocolate, lined with white kid. Some are neatly trimmed with black patent leather. We show them in either the low cut or the Faust style. Also nice warm felt slippers. All sizes at \$1.50, \$2.00 and.....

2.50

Besides the above appropriate gifts, we show the largest stock in Central Texas of Mens' Fine Suits, Overcoats, Hats, Shoes, Shirts, Underwear, etc., in fact this store is headquarters for everything a man wears. You take no chance on quality when you buy here and our prices are right. Select your gifts now before the assortments are broken and let us store them for you until Christmas.

Parks & Waldrop

THE CLOTHIERS.

SUSPENDERS

Men's fine silk suspenders in new holiday effects, mounted with sterling silver, gold plated and fancy buckles, each pair in separate box. 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50.....

2.50

MEN'S GLOVES

The most acceptable gift of all; every man appreciates a good warm pair of gloves. We have them in all the new shades and leathers, in dressed and undressed kid, buckskin, reindeer, Scotch wool, etc., at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and.....

2.00

MEN'S JEWELRY

Watch fobs, cuff buttons, scarf pins in the newest designs and settings. Prices from 50c to.....

4.00

TRAVELING BAGS

Just received for the holidays a large shipment of the newest and best things in fine leather suit cases, grips and hand bags in all the new shades and kinds of leather. Calf skin, walrus, buffalo and genuine alligator, either linen or leather lined. Nothing could make a handsomer gift for a gentleman than one of these elegant bags. Prices from \$1.50 to.....

15.00

GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS

An ideal gift for a man, a regular saving bank, will save him many a dollar besides worlds of time and inconvenience. It does not have to be sharpened—always ready for use. So simple that a child can use it. Price complete with set of 12 blades in nice leather case.....

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A beautiful assortment of rich silk mufflers, reefers and full dress protectors in plain white, solid black, and fancy patterns. Also the large silk squares for drawn work, etc. 50c to.....

2.50

FANCY VEST

No man's wardrobe is complete without a fancy vest of some kind. We show a superb assortment in all that's new and correct in plain white, neat figures and stripes, and the new shades of tan and gray, either single or double breasted. Prices from \$1.00 to.....

5.00

SWEATERS

For men and boys in pure white, solid black, and all the newest combinations of colors, including the A. and M. and Allen Academy colors; all sizes. \$1.00 to.....

5.00

CRAVENETTE COATS

One of these handsome coats would make a splendid gift. They answer the purpose of an overcoat and raincoat combined, being absolutely water-proof. We show them in solid black, oxford grey, and the new grey and brown plaids. Prices \$10.00, \$12.50 and.....

15.00

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Ladies' Gause Hose, 50c pair
No. 600 Black Cat Hose at 25c; guaranteed.
Ladies' Kid Gloves, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Misses' Kid Gloves, \$1.00
Children's Kid Gloves, 90c
Ladies' Buttoned Fleece, 25 to 50c.
Fancy Embroidered and Drawn Work

There is nothing nicer to give your husband, you brother or your sweetheart than a nice Umbrella.
Remember our Clothing at \$10.00 to \$18.00 fits.
Remember our Overcoats at 10.00 to 15.00 are right in style and quality and Price.
Don't forget the boy. We can please him in a Christmas Suit.

WEBB BROS

FOR MEN:

Men's House Slippers. Men's Fancy 1/2 Hose
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs. "Linen" Kerchiefs
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AFTER AN ALIBI.

State Attempts to Prove That Felix Powell is Innocent.

San Antonio, Dec. 19.—State in Monk Gibson case rested at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Three witnesses for the defense were examined.

The feature of the trial Monday was the testimony of Felix Powell. A number of witnesses who have been on the stand during the last four days have testified that Monk Gibson accused Powell of the murder of the Conditt family and that he later reneged so far as his statement incriminating Powell. Sheriff Tobin of Bexar county testified to this effect Saturday, saying Monk told him that he (Monk) had lied when he accused Powell. Cross examination of Powell was sensational. Purpose of state was to prove an alibi.

The gallery is crowded with negroes and they seem to regard the trial as an amusement.

"Look at dat niggah's feet," would be heard, as some big negro used to work in a rice farm stepped onto the stand.

"Look at dat niggah tryin' to play lak he ain't scared when he can't draw his feet."

PARKER PROHIBITION.

Went Dry in Election on Monday by Over Five Hundred Majority.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 19.—The local option election held in this county resulted in favor of prohibition by a large majority.

Weatherford precinct voted 1,056, giving a majority of 215 for prohibition. All country boxes reported prohibition majorities except Amneta, which gave nineteen anti. The total prohibition majority of the county will be over 500.

RIGA BEING SHELLED.

Conductor on a Train Also Says the Place Is on Fire.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Eydunhain says that the conductor of the morning train from St. Petersburg asserts the troops at Riga have joined in the revolt and that the town is being shelled and is burning. Between St. Petersburg and Wirballen, the flames, according to the conductor, could be seen from high places and were often reflected by the sky.

AWFUL SLAUGHTER.

At One Place Three Hundred Persons Were Slain on Street.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Koenigsburg, Prussia, says: During the street fighting at Mitau, the capital of Courland, 300 persons were killed.

At Linnevarnen, in southern Livonia, the revolutionists liberated all the passengers and shot Assistant District Governor Petersen and M. Maximovitch, his secretary, and threw their bodies into the river.

Protection Asked.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—On account of the situation at Moscow, Ambassador Meyer has requested the authorities to place at the disposal of the American embassy protection for Americans in case of an emergency.

TRAGIC THREAT.

"I Will Kill Myself If You Whip Me," Said Ralph Hart.

Memphis, Dec. 19.—"I will kill myself if you whip me." With this threat Ralph Hart, a thirteen-year-old school boy, broke from his mother's restraining grasp at the Hart home on Spruce street, and, snatching a revolver, fired a bullet into his head. The boy died an hour later. Mrs. H. M. Hart, his mother, was attempting to correct the lad's disobedience when the tragedy occurred.

COTTON STATES LEAGUE.

Salary Limit Fixed and Twelve Men For Each of the Clubs.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 19.—At the annual meeting of the Cotton States League of Baseball Clubs, held in this city, the salary limit was fixed at \$1,100, and each club limited to twelve men. Greenville, winner of last season's pennant, served notice of the surrender of its franchise. Election of officers was postponed to a meeting to be held early in January.

Surrendered and Fined.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Officials of the so-called "brick trust" of Chicago made a complete surrender to state's attorney Healy in court, and were fined an aggregate of \$18,000. The company and a number of its officials, together with two labor leaders, were indicted for conspiracy to do an illegal act to prevent competition and to restrict the production and sale of brick in the Chicago market.

New Pool Record.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 19.—In a pool game here Grant Eby of Buffalo made a run of eighty-nine balls straight.

PROVIDENT PROPERTY.

Building in Waco Referred to During the Investigation Monday.

New York, Dec. 19.—Monday was devoted by the Armstrong investigating committee to the smaller companies, those under examination being the Provident Savings, the Empire Life and the Life Association of America.

With the counsel of the Provident society were taken up several real estate transactions. In one of these a building in Savannah, Ga., was traded on two occasions for New York city property and a loan was then made on the Savannah building, with the result that each time the building was returned to the possession of the society under foreclosure or default of interest.

From William Elbert, who has charge of the real estate of the Provident society, Charles E. Hughes elicited the fact that the company erected an office building in Waco, Tex., in 1889, at a cost of \$145,448; that \$50,000 betterments were upon it, and that by 1899 its value had been marked up in the books of the company to \$253,956. William T. Gilbert, counsel for the Provident society, who then testified, said that three years later the Waco property was traded off and the Provident society made a loan of \$125,000 on it to Secretary H. Peters. Peters conveyed the property over to the society again in default of payment and the society placed its book value at \$204,927, although Mr. Elbert, who again went on the stand, said it cost the society \$125,000, plus the interest.

There appeared, according to Mr. Hughes, to be a marking up of the book values of the society's real estate holdings almost annually, and Miles M. Dewson, the committee's expert auditor, was sworn as a witness and presented compilations showing that the society, by its management, lost about \$100,000, last year which was offset by the marking of its real estate holdings.

WANT EIGHT HOURS.

Lithographers Will Meet at Buffalo and Act on Matter.

New York, Dec. 19.—The International Lithographers' Benevolent association has begun a campaign for an eight hour day. Its demands to go into effect when the present agreement with the employing lithographers expires, April 11. A convention will be held in Buffalo Jan. 19, when the question of demanding a forty-eight hour week will be acted on. The eight hour agitation will be joined in by the pressmen, helpers and plate preparers. The action of the convention will depend on the International Typographical union in enforcing the eight hour demand on behalf of the lithographers and will involve 20,000 workers throughout the United States. About 3,000 of these are in New York City.

CANADA GETS HONORS.

In the Judging Contest of Swine Texas Is at Head of the List.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Canada was awarded the honors in the students' judging contest at the International Livestock exposition. The Ontario agricultural college of Guelph, Ont., made the best record for judging horses, cattle, sheep and swine. Ohio was second on the grand total, but led all competitors in judging cattle under horses, and Texas was first in the judging of swine. The Canadian college owed its victory to the high standing it took in all the classes.

C. F. Cloverdale, of the Iowa Agricultural college, carried off the individual honors for judging cattle, sheep and swine, while J. A. Main of Ohio was first in judging horses.

In the all-around judging Iowa came third, after Canada and Ohio, Kansas fourth, Texas fifth, Michigan sixth.

NUMBER OF RECLAMATIONS.

There Are Twenty-Four of Them, Eleven Being Under Way.

Washington, Dec. 19.—bulletin issued by the geological survey says the approval by the secretary of the interior of the Rio Grande reclamation project in Texas and New Mexico and the Carlsbad project in New Mexico will bring the number of reclamation projects up to twenty-four. Of these, eleven are under way. They provide for the reclamation of 1,303,600 acres of arid lands at a cost of \$27,028,571.

Offer Accepted.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Taft formally accepted the offer of the delegation which appeared before him last week in connection with the construction of the Port Arthur, Tex., canal to supply the right of way and the engineers will begin the work of improvement, having a fund of \$250,000 available for that purpose.

To Mark Confederate Graves.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Prince of Illinois introduced a bill in the house appropriating \$300,000 for appropriately marking the 30,752 Confederate graves in the north.

DODGE ON THE STAND

He Testifies as to His Relations With Hummel.

MORSE ALSO HEARD

Stated That He Took It Upon Himself to Break Up the Marriage of His Nephew.

New York, Dec. 19.—Charles F. Dodge, the former husband of Charles W. Morse, the first witness Monday in the prosecution of Abraham A. Hummel, the lawyer, who is charged with conspiring to annul Mrs. Morse's marriage to Mr. Morse.

After Dodge had declared that his divorce from his former wife was illegal and the court had set it aside, it was charged that he was kept in Texas and most princely entertained by persons interested in having his divorce declared void.

Dodge told of receiving \$5,500 in a period of three months from Hummel and men whom Hummel sent to him, and of changing his testimony about the facts in his original divorce case from Mrs. Morse. He testified that in New York City in 1898 he was served with a summons by a lawyer named Sweetster in Mrs. Morse's original divorce suit. He testified also that he retained Mortimer Ruger as his counsel in this case. Later, when the validity of this divorce was questioned,



ABRAHAM HUMMEL.

Edward M. Bracken met him in Georgia telling Dodge that Hummel had sent him to say that he wanted Dodge in New York. "Bracken handed me \$500," said Dodge. "I then consented to go to New York. On going to Hummel's office Dodge said Hummel asked him whether he was served with the summons by Sweetster. Dodge said he answered yes.

Later, he said, Hummel dictated an affidavit which the witness signed. He then went to Atlanta, Ga. In the following month, he said, he again returned to New York, where he talked with Hummel about the divorce. Dodge testified that he signed another affidavit then.

"Hummel then gave me five \$100 bills," he added. Once more, in the next month, Dodge says, he was asked to come from Atlanta to New York, and this time at the office of the referee in the proceedings concerning his divorce from Mrs. Morse he swore that he had not been served with the summons by Sweetster, and that Ruger was not his counsel.

"And after you had testified, what happened?" Dodge was asked. "I went back to Hummel's office, and was there given \$500. After getting the money I returned to the south."

In addition to the \$500, Dodge said he was getting \$50 a day expenses. Later Dodge testified that the first affidavit made by Hummel and signed by him was to the effect that he had never retained Ruger nor been served with the summons.

"You swore to other things that were false at the reference proceedings," he was asked by Delancey Nicol, Mr. Hummel's attorney.

"I did," Dodge testified that after signing the second affidavit he made the following remark:

"Before leaving Atlanta I told Bracken I wanted \$5,000 as a compensation. I thought there was something doing, so I might as well be in it."

Asked whether the money was given as expenses or to influence him to swear falsely, Dodge replied:

"Well, I had got the money, and I thought I was forced to swear falsely."

Dodge was then excused. Captain James T. Morse then took the witness stand. He is an uncle of Charles W. Morse, the husband of Mrs. Clemence Dodge Morse. Captain Morse said that in 1903 he came to New York to see Hummel.

"I made known my business to him," said Morse. "My nephew was married to Clemence Dodge. I told him that the family was very much dissatisfied with him, and that I would like the matter of her divorce from Dodge be looked into, and to see whether it was quite in order. Afterwards he said Hummel telephoned to him in Boston that the marriage was irregular, and that he wanted \$15,000 retaining fee. Captain Morse said he himself delivered the fee in bills next day.

Captain Morse said that Hummel told Mrs. Morse's second marriage could be upset, and added: "I then gave him instructions to break up that marriage if he could. I requested him not to let me be known in the matter."

Captain Morse testified that he took it on himself to break up the marriage regardless of the cost, in the interest of his nephew. Captain Morse said that Hummel had never informed him that Dodge would come to New York unless he received \$5,000. He did not know that any money paid by him was to be used to obtain perjured evidence. He said he had no complaint to find at Hummel's treatment of him

ARGUMENT BEGINS.

Attorney McCrory Given Close Attention by Monk Gibson.

San Antonio, Dec. 19.—Argument in the Monk Gibson case began Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Testimony of the defense closed with John Grimes, jailor of Bexar county jail. Jose Villare, a deputy sheriff of Bexar county, was on the stand. Grimes testified as to Gibson's present weight, which he said was 104 pounds. Said Gibson gave an exhibition of strength in the jail by lifting men. Described Gibson's appearance when he was placed in jail here. Said he had on a jumper and long pants. Witness was asked if the district attorney had not given orders that an extra large pair of new pants be purchased for the prisoner. District Attorney Baker resented the imputation and declared he only wanted the prisoner to appear in court clothed in his usual costume. Villare testified as to Gibson's weight when he was brought here from Edna. Said it was ninety-two pounds.

Sheriff Egg of Jackson county, was called by the state and related the capture of Gibson eleven days after the commission of the crime.

The first speaker in the argument was W. W. McCrory, county attorney of Jackson county. Mr. McCrory is a young man, well educated, a fluent speaker and intensely southern. He is thoroughly in earnest in his prosecution of Monk Gibson and is convinced that the negro boy committed the crime unaided and alone. The court was still as death when McCrory took his stand before the jury to begin his argument. As the speaker proceeded with his argument Monk was observed to lean forward to catch what the orator had to say. At times he appeared to falter, especially when the attorney dwelt upon the ghoulish details of the tragedy, and again when the adz and iron bar, instruments of murder, were produced and displayed before the jury. Monk was observed then to cast his eyes in another direction.

In presentation of the state's side McCrory took all the threads and bits of facts at his command and made them into a chain of circumstantial evidence against Gibson. He indicated that the only possible motive for the murder was the rape of Mildred Lee Conditt, twelve-year-old daughter of J. F. Conditt. He showed from circumstances surrounding the crime that it was not the result of a deliberate conspiracy and that the nature of the country around the Conditt homestead prohibited the idea that two men could have perpetrated the murder and escaped unseen.

Gibson appeared in the courtroom in long pants.

HEAD CUT OFF.

Terrible Fate That Happened to an Aged Mexican Woman.

San Antonio, Dec. 19.—While picking up coal along the tracks of the International and Great Northern Jose Marie Landers, a Mexican, aged seventy, was run over by a switch engine and killed. Her head was completely severed from the body. The trunk of the body was ground into mince meat. The body was gathered up in a shovel, placed in a basket and taken to an undertaker's.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Child Managed to Crawl Under Train, but Man Lost His Life.

Houston, Dec. 19.—An unknown man with a child attempted to crawl under a train at a street crossing, having become tired of waiting for the train to move on. The child succeeded in getting across, but the train started as the man was crossing and he was crushed to death.

Fines Paid.

San Antonio, Dec. 19.—Fines of \$350 and \$200, imposed on W. J. Lytle and Robert Reed, respectively, for contempt of court for sale of scalpers' tickets and violating injunction, were paid. The scalpers are now awaiting the result of injunction case in the Thirty-seventh district court. If it goes against them they will go out of business.

Bear Killed.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 19.—While a party of hunters were in the Territory northeast of Antlers they killed a bear that had taken up winter quarters in a boiler at an old abandoned sawmill, the end of which was open.

Immense Hornets' Nest.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 19.—A negro disposed of an immense hornets' nest to a saloon man for a pint of whisky. The nest is the size of a water bucket.

Kerr Suicides.

Houston, Dec. 19.—Robert F. Kerr, at one time a well known citizen of this city, swallowed rough on rats and died in great agony.

Will Not Be Reappointed.

Washington, Dec. 19.—While the order for the removal of Wm. B. Johnson, United States attorney for the Southern district of Indian Territory, has been withdrawn, it is known he will not be reappointed. His term expires Jan. 16.

Into Executive Session.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Shortly after convening Tuesday the senate went into executive session. In the house Richardson of Alabama discussed quarantine regulations.

Transferred to Chicago.

New York, Dec. 19.—The subtreasury transferred \$500,000 currency to Chicago for local banks. The banks are also reported to have made large direct shipments to the same center.

Dying From Blow.

Shreveport, Dec. 19.—J. W. Eckert is in a dying condition at the charity hospital from a blow received on the Saturday. B. F. Ratliff is held by the sheriff.

La Follette Resigns.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—Governor La Follette sent to the legislature his resignation as governor, to take effect the first Monday in January.

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